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## **Inland Route, MI**

### **Project Features**

- The Inland Route is a series of interconnected lakes and streams stretching across the northern tip of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, and extending from Conway near Lake Michigan to Cheboygan on Lake Huron. Crooked and Indian Rivers are connecting channels in the waterway.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Act of 3 Sep 1954.
- Shallow draft recreational project.
- Project depth is 5 feet.
- Approximately 35 miles of maintained Federal channel.
- Crooked River lock and weir at Alanson, MI.
- Dredged material is placed at an upland site.
- Major stakeholders include the Michigan DNR, numerous boating associations and marinas and the Michigan Boating Industries Association.

### **Project Needs**

- Critical miscellaneous repairs were made to some of the electrical and mechanical components of the Crooked River lock in 2007; however long-range repairs still need to be implemented.
- Recommended completion of Section 216 initiative to transfer ownership of the project to the State of Michigan.
- Requires periodic maintenance dredging on a three to five year cycle of approximately 15,000 cubic yards; the harbor was last dredged in 1999.



### **Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project**

- Loss of jobs locally.
- Loss of recreational and charter fishing in the area.

### **Transportation Importance**

- This project serves primarily charter fishing and recreational navigation interests.
- Local communities have established significant infrastructure around the project facilities that generates income from boaters and visitors to the area.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010  
Inland Route, MI - Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY08 Need</b>	<b>FY08 Allocation</b>	<b>FY09 Need</b>	<b>FY09 President's Budget</b>	<b>FY10 Need</b>	<b>FY10 Budget*</b>
Project Condition Surveys	48		48		50	
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package			500		500	
Lock repairs	702	354	600		600	
Section 216 Activities	200		200		220	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,370</b>	

\*FY10 President's Budget will be available in February 2009.

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Bart Stupak D-MI-1
- Senator Carl Levin D-MI
- Senator Debbie Stabenow D-MI